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1. HERewith FULL TEXT CROSBY NOYES COLUMN, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, WASHSTAR, TITLED, "THREAT TO FOREIGN POLICY."

2. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER IS QUITE RIGHT WHEN HE COMPLAINS THAT THE WAY THE POLITICAL GAME IS BEING PLAYED IN THE UNITED STATES THESE DAYS MAKES IT HARD TO CONDUCT A COHERENT FOREIGN POLICY.

3. NOT THAT KISSINGER HAS SAID THIS PUBLICLY IN SO MANY WORDS. WHAT HE DID SAY IN HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE WAS THAT A SERIES OF DIVISIVE DEBATES IN CONGRESS OVER IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES COULD WRECK HIS EFFORT TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD.

4. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, SAID THE SECRETARY, "THE SOVIET
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UNION WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE THAT POLITICAL DETENTE

WITH US FACES DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES OF AN INSUPERABLE NATURE IN THE UNITED STATES."

5. HENRY JACKSON, AN ABLE AND VERY DETERMINED SENATOR FROM WASHINGTON, IS NOT IMPRESSED. JACKSON WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IF HE DIDN'T MAKE THE RULES,

HE SURE AS HELL KNOWS HOW TO PLAY THE GAME. AND HE IS PLAYING IT HARD AT KISSINGER'S EXPENSE.

6. JACKSON HAS CORRECTLY ANALYZED HIS PROBLEM IN HIS BID FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN 1976. HE HAS BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME AND HE HAS A CONSIDERABLE HARD-NOSED REPUTATION IN THE AREAS OF FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

7. HE IS NOT VERY WELL KNOWN, HOWEVER, AS A NATIONAL LEADER OUTSIDE OF HIS OWN STATE AND THE CAPITAL. BETWEEN NOW AND CONVENTION TIME, HE NEEDS AS MUCH EXPOSURE AS HE CAN GET. AND WHAT BETTER WAY IS THERE TO GET IT THAN BY TAKING ON BY FAR THE BIGGEST MAN IN THE REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION ON HIS OWN GROUND AND ON MATTERS OF LARGE NATIONAL CONCERN?

8. AT ANY RATE, JACKSON ZEROED IN ON KISSINGER A LONG TIME AGO, AND OVER THE MONTHS THE FEUD HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY INTENSE, BITTER AND PERSONAL. THE CORE OF JACKSON'S ATTACK IS THAT KISSINGER, FOR ALL HIS REPUTATION AS A DIPLOMATIC WIZARD, REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH THE RUSSIANS. INSTEAD OF USING THE LEVERAGE AVAILABLE TO HIM TO WIN CONCESSIONS, HE RUSHES INTO AGREEMENTS ON WHATEVER TERMS HE CAN GET. AS A RESULT, AS JACKSON SEES IT, A NUMBER OF BAD DEALS HAVE BEEN MADE AND DETENTE HAS BECOME A ONE-WAY STREET IN MOSCOW'S FAVOR.

9. THE TWO MAJOR AREAS WHERE THE SENATOR HAS CONCENTRATED HIS FIRE HAVE BEEN THE EFFORTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO REACH AGREEMENTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS AND THE GRANTING OF TRADE CONCESSIONS TO THE RUSSIANS.

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10. JACKSON SUCCESSFULLY BLOCKED THE PASSAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE BILL FOR TWO YEARS, HOLDING OUT FOR SOVIET CONCESSIONS ON EMIGRATION, MOSTLY AS IT AFFECTED SOVIET JEWS. KISSINGER, AFTER OPPOSING JACKSON'S EFFORT AS FUTILE, FINALLY NEGOTIATED AN AGREEMENT ON EMIGRATION SATISFACTORY TO THE SENATOR AND HIS SUPPORTERS, THUS, IN A SENSE, PROVING JACKSON'S POINT. HOWEVER,

OTHER DEMOCRATIC SENATORS, PERHAPS TAKING THEIR CUE FROM JACKSON, ARE NOW THREATENING TO TACK ON A NUMBER OF KILLER AMENDMENTS TO THE TRADE BILL AND THE SUCCESS OF THE WHOLE EXERCISE REMAINS VERY MUCH IN DOUBT.

11. SIMILARLY, JACKSON DENOUNCED THE FIRST SALT AGREEMENT IN 1972 AS AN ELECTORAL IMPROVIZATION BY THE NIXON

ADMINISTRATION THAT GRANTED TOO MANY CONCESSIONS TO THE RUSSIANS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONRY. IF KISSINGER REALLY THOUGHT THAT THE LATEST AGREEMENT AT VLADIVOSTOK NEGOTIATED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND RUSSIA'S LEONID BREZHNEV WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE, HE WAS GRIEVOUSLY MISTAKEN.

12. JACKSON, QUITE PREDICTABLY, HAS ATTACKED THIS AGREEMENT AS WELL, CHARGING THAT THE LEVEL OF ARMAMENTS WAS "WANTONLY HIGH" AND WOULD COST THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER UNTOLD BILLIONS OVER THE 10-YEAR PERIOD OF THE ACCORD. THE ADMINISTRATION, SAYS THE SENATOR, SHOULD BE "SENT BACK" TO THE BARGAINING TABLE IN SEARCH OF MUCH LOWER ARMAMENT LEVELS. KISSINGER HAS RESPONDED WITH CONTROLLED FURY, SUGGESTING THAT CONGRESSIONAL REPUDIATION OF THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE "EXTREMELY SERIOUS" CONSEQUENCES TO AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS.

13. ALL THIS COULD BE ACCEPTED AS PAR FOR THE COURSE EXCEPT FOR ONE ALL-IMPORTANT FACTOR. THIS IS NOT JUST A PERSONAL FEUD BETWEEN A POWERFUL SENATOR WHO WANTS TO BE PRESIDENT AND A POWERFUL SECRETARY OF STATE WHO MAKES HIS OWN FOREIGN POLICY. WE ALSO HAPPEN TO BE IN A PERIOD OF OVERWHELMING DEMOCRATIC CONTROL OF THE CONGRESS BY POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND UNPRECEDENTED REBELLION BY THE CONGRESS AS A WHOLE AGAINST

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THE LEADERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, RANGING ALL THE WAY FROM DETENTE AND TRADE TO ARMS FOR TURKEY AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

14. IF THE CONGRESS, BEHIND JACKSON'S POLITICALLY MOTIVATED LEADERSHIP, SUCCEEDS IN EXERTING A DICTATORIAL CONTROL OVER AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, SERIOUS TROUBLE LIES AHEAD. IT IS NOT SO MUCH A QUESTION OF WHO IS RIGHT OR WRONG IN THE VARIOUS DISPUTES. IT IS A QUESTION OF WHO SPEAKS FOR THE UNITED STATES IN WORLD AFFAIRS. AND THIS THE CONGRESS, FOR ALL ITS TALENTED PEOPLE, IS SINGULARLY ILL-EQUIPPED TO DO. (END TEXT). INGERSOLL

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